

Application No. 10/642,745
Amendment dated February 21, 2006
Reply to Office Action of October 18, 2005

Docket No.: 0698-0156P

REMARKS

Claims 1-49 remain present in this application.

Claims 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 20, 36 and 42 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The specification stands objected to due to a certain recitation in claim 42. Because this recitation has now been corrected, this objection should be overcome.

Claims 11-49 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as originally presented should have been clear to one skilled in the art. They should particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. Nonetheless, changes have been made in order to avoid any lack of clarity. As such, this rejection should now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner considers claims 1-10 to be allowable, and that claims 11, 20 and 36 would be allowable if the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection were overcome. Because this should now have been done, all claims in the instant application should be in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

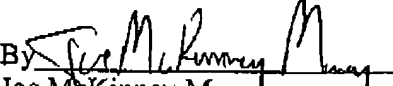
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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